

SENATE RESOLUTION 60
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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Reginald Mosby and the excellent 1995-1996 Memphis East High School boys' basketball team, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA state champions.

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee, and most especially this General Assembly, is very proud of our athletic teams that work hard, persevere through a grueling season, overcome seemingly impossible obstacles, play adroitly, reach the ultimate level of competition and win state championships; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding 1995-1996 Memphis East High School boys' basketball team, a traditional Shelby County power, which had been overlooked by many so-called hoop experts as a possible contender, has been fiercely determined, very focused and extremely diligent, and their stellar efforts have resulted in them winning the coveted TSSAA Class AAA state title; and

WHEREAS, despite facing a tough schedule, this tremendously talented team finished co-champions during the regular season District 16-AAA battles; and

WHEREAS, at the fabled District 16-AAA Tournament, East finished runner-up; and

WHEREAS, East also finished runner-up at the classic Region 8-AAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Runnin' Mustangs galloped past their substate opponent Bartlett 64-63, as shooting sensation Tony Harris hit a dramatic three point shot in the final seconds to cement their tenth trip to the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, at the State Tournament, East tamed the Clarksville High School Wildcats 67-52, defeated the Oakland High School Patriots in a 66-45 battle and then out fought the arch rival Memphis White Station Spartans 61-58 in a championship final that observers said has rarely been equaled for excitement; and

WHEREAS, they finished this storybook season with a fine 29-7 overall record; and

WHEREAS, **Coach Reginald Mosley** and his capable **Assistant Coaches Willie Turner, Rodney Taylor, Gary Mudrey** and **Victor Simpson**, have performed their duties with extraordinary skill and diligence and have served as inspirational mentors for the players; and

WHEREAS, the team leader was high-jumping junior guard **Tony Harris**, who averaged an incredible 28 points per game; and

WHEREAS, this relatively young team, with only one senior starter and three seniors overall, played at an unexpectedly high level of maturity; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 starting lineup also included senior forward **David Knox**, junior guard **Antonio Stevenson**, junior forward **Justin Hayes** and sophomore center **Terry Rogers**; and

WHEREAS, each of the other team members, seniors **Marcus Coppenwood** and **Terrance Garner**; juniors **Nick Rivers, Marquette Norfleet, Rico Jones, Jermaine Gates, Chris Ingram, Jasper Thorton** and **David Tate**; and sophomore **Ricardo Curry** have done an admirable job and made significant contributions to the success the squad has enjoyed this season; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary East High **Principal Lowell Winstong** and their excellent **Athletic Director Lonnie Williams** have been enthusiastic supporters of the team; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working trainers were **Justin Sellers** and **Timothy Love**; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and commemorate this superb team for their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Reginald Mosby and the great 1995-1996 Memphis East High School boys' basketball team on winning the TSSAA Class AAA State Tournament and wish them well in what we are confident is a bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each of the above named persons with this final clause deleted from such copies.